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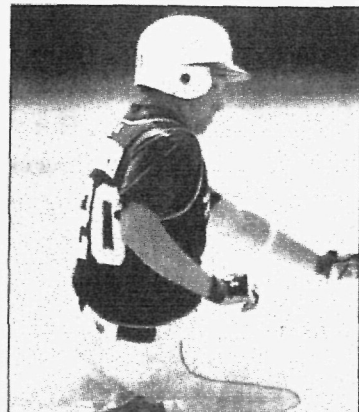
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## Partnership links students with 'heroes'



### Even better next year?

With plenty of proven standouts set to return in 2007, Immaculata High could again prove to be a baseball power not only in the Skyland Conference and Somerset County but also hopes to make a serious run at a state championship. **Page A7.**



### Money in the dirt

Black gold — no we're not talking oil, we're talking worm droppings, known in the worm farming business as castings. One local farmer is using an often-overlooked part of nature to build a thriving business, both for himself and his worms. **Page A7.**

### College club has scholarship

EDISON — The Hispanic American Club at Middlesex County College donated most of its treasury, \$10,000, to create a scholarship in honor of a retiring counselor at the college. The award, presented at the college Foundation's Scholarship Ball this spring, honored the career of Zoraida Calvo-Scott, who is retiring in June after a 29-year career at the college.

This is the second endowed scholarship created by the club. In 1995, the group started raising funds and reached the \$10,000 endowed level in 2001. Isamar Blumberg, president of the club, said the club has supported the Foundation for years, but felt that because of Calvo-Scott's retirement, it was appropriate to fund a scholarship in her name.

"Each year we hold a dance to raise funds," Blumberg said. "The dance generally raises about \$1,000. This year, we are contributing not only the dance proceeds but most of our treasury in order to fund a new scholarship. In gratitude for all of Ms. Calvo-Scott's efforts on behalf of the Hispanic American Club and in honor of her retirement, our gift this year will create a new scholarship in her name."

In accepting the check, Charles Larsson, chair of the Foundation, said he was extremely impressed by the generosity of the students.

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Middlesex County Vocational and Technical High Schools began a district-wide partnership with Heroes and Cool Kids this school year in a leadership and mentoring program.

Heroes and Cool Kids is a not-for-profit organization formed to address the profound issues facing youth today. Both professional and high-profile amateur athletes team up in training high school student athletes and leaders to become the leaders of tomorrow.

Middlesex County Vocational and Technical High Schools consist of five schools located in East Brunswick, Edison, Perth Amboy, Piscataway and Woodbridge. A Heroes and Cool Kids chapter has been established at every one of our five schools this school year.

Students from every school have attended the Heroes youth conference where they participated in training and motivational programs led by the athletes of Heroes and Cool Kids.

Each school has been visited by an athlete and participated in training sessions which resulted in classroom presentations delivered to younger students.

Heroes and Cool Kids trainers and presenters are selected athletes whose personal life experience enables them to mentor high school youth. These efforts are aimed at training high school students to present programs to younger students. There is a focus on sportsmanship, conflict resolution and positive lifestyle choices, according to the

school. Elements of this training include group work, developing motivational messages and learning to take a positive approach to issues and problems in their lives.

Middlesex County Vocational Technical High Schools have begun an ongoing mentoring and leadership building relationship with Heroes and Cool Kids. This team will result in developing leadership skills in high school students, the school said. It will promote the development of positive character traits.

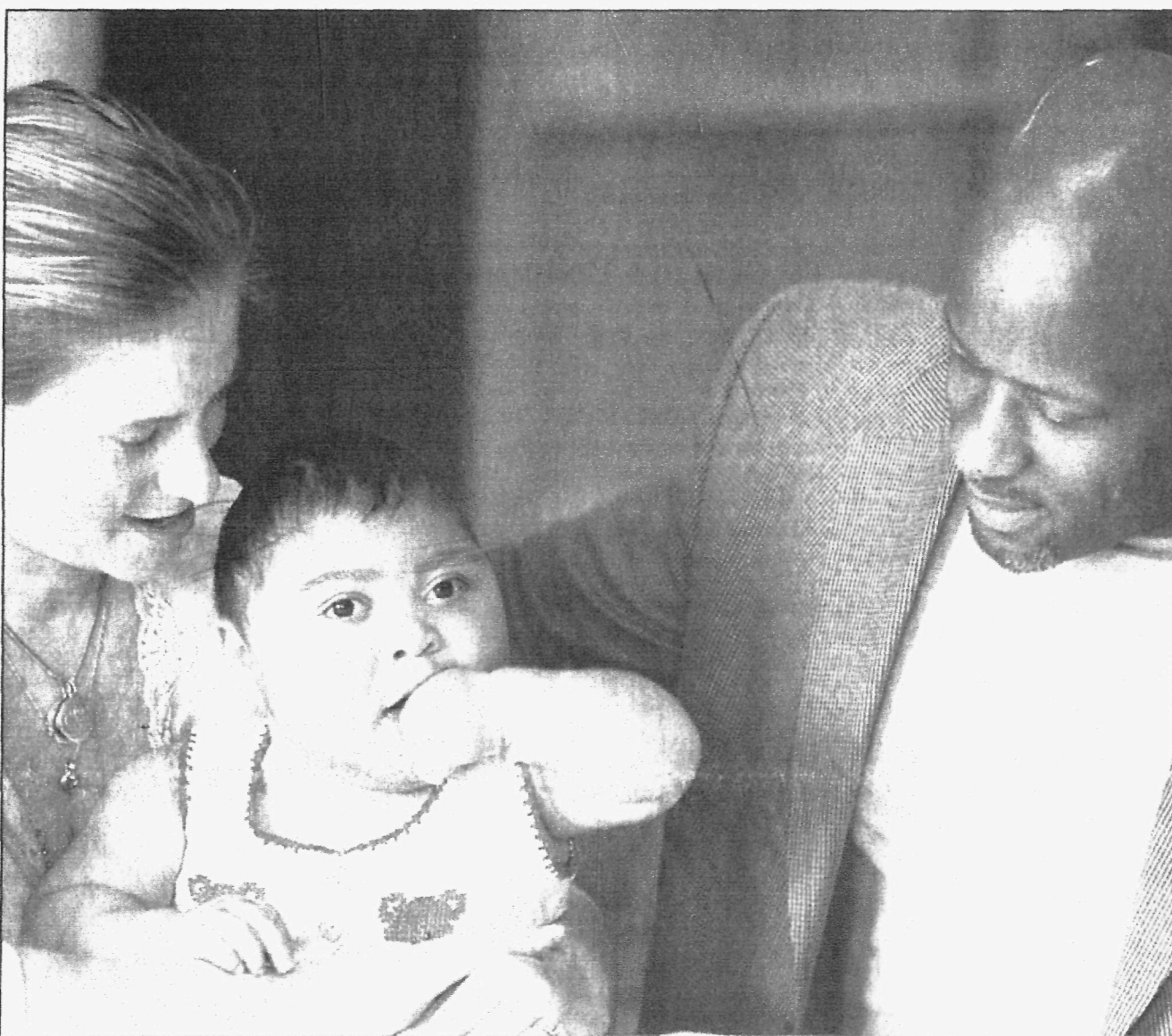
This year, the school have received training from several athletes. At the Academy for Engineering and the Perth Amboy campus, Tim Regan, Defenseman/Midfielder for the New Jersey Metro soccer team, presented the Heroes and Cool Kids program to

30 student athletes.

At the East Brunswick, Piscataway and Woodbridge Campuses, professional tennis player Kyle Swanson spoke to 35 student leaders who are part of the Heroes and Cool Kids program. Topics covered included the importance of education, sports, bullying, team building, and public speaking and communication skills.

These training sessions were followed by classroom presentations to the ninth grade classes. In this way, the older high school students will begin to present themselves to the younger high school students as leaders and mentors.

This relationship between different students of different grade levels will be enhanced and grow over the coming years.



Linda and Michael Downey of Bridgewater with daughter Charlotte. 2. Charlotte will be among those benefiting from the 14th annual Jack Gardner Memorial Softball Tournament, hosted by the Somerville Elks.

## Somerville Elks go to bat for area children in need

By AMY S. BOBROWSKI  
Staff Writer

BRIDGEWATER — For more than a year, Linda and Michael Downey spent \$800 a month on transportation.

They used the money to pay for gas, tolls and oil changes so that they, almost everyday, could see their baby Charlotte at New York Presbyterian Hospital.

Charlotte, now 2 years old, spent most of her life in hospitals. When she was born, she suffered a massive stroke that left her paralyzed and her kidney damaged. She's had two open heart surgeries and in the

spring, Charlotte received a life-saving kidney transplant, but will need to stay on anti-rejection medicine and therapies for the rest of her life.

Despite their troubles and challenges, the Downeys, Bridgewater residents, know they are blessed that little Charlotte came into their lives. She's opened up a community of friends and shown the family how to appreciate life.

On Tuesday, Charlotte Downey was introduced as the tournament sponsor of the 14th annual Jack Gardner Memorial Softball Tournament, hosted by the Somerville Elks Lodge No. 1068. Jack Gardener was a warden at

the Somerset County Jail, a coach at Immaculata High School and very involved in the community.

"He died suddenly of a heart attack," said Pierce Fraunheim, committee member for the event and a member of the Somerset County Park Commission. "It left a big void because he was always helping the community."

Over the past 14 years, the tournament has raised more than \$440,000 for area children who are ill or handicapped. During the July 8 tournament, dubbed Jack's Kids, the Elks

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## Experience inspires volunteer

EDISON — Watching someone very close struggle with a serious cancer diagnosis turned Peg O'Halloran's life upside-down.

"It hit me to the core," said O'Halloran. "It was the most vulnerable time in my life and it made me wonder how people feel when they are coming to the end of their lives."

O'Halloran faced her wonderment head-on and channeled her energies into caring for the spiritual needs of those receiving end-of-life care and their families.

On June 5, O'Halloran began ministering to the patients and families at the Barbara E. Cheung Memorial Hospice, located on the Roosevelt Care Center Campus in Edison. Roosevelt and the hospice are owned and operated by the Middlesex County Improvement Authority.

"I gave a bereavement workshop at the hospice last October," said O'Halloran, a former religious Sister of Mercy and member of the Hospice Pastoral Care team for the Visiting Nurse Association of Central New Jersey. "When I was driving up the hill, I felt like I was on sacred ground. I knew I wanted to work there someday in a pastoral role."

O'Halloran is uniquely qualified for this position," said Dr. Frank Damiani, Director of Patient Care at Roosevelt Care Center. "She's obviously committed and excited about working here at the hospice and her energy level goes above and beyond."

Damiani said O'Halloran holds the first full-time Chaplain position at the Hospice. The number of patients at the free-standing building in Edison and the number of patients who receive Hospice care through the Barbara E. Cheung program while remaining at home is increasing. The complexity of the cases also is increasing.

"All of these factors made it necessary for the position to be full time," Damiani said.

O'Halloran will deliver spiritual services to patients and their families and coordinate spiritual services programming with the interdisciplinary team that makes up the Hospice staff.

Residents and families will be counseled according to their beliefs and educational programs will be provided to the community at large.

O'Halloran also will facilitate the group for which she once was a presenter, the Bereavement Support Group, which meets once a month to

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## Author helps area rediscover Hobbstown

By ALLISON ELYSE GUALTIERI  
Staff Writer

BRIDGEWATER — Cindy Williams Newsome grew up in a section of the township known affectionately as Hobbstown and officially as Somerville Manor. Even as a child, she recognized the neighborhood as a unique and special place. As an adult, she decided to explore the history and culture and reveal it to people beyond the four-street area named after its first resident, the Rev. Amos Hobbs. In February, her first book, titled "Hobbstown: the Forgotten Legacy of a Unique African-American Community" was

published.

Mixing oral history with personal anecdotes and research, the book traces the history of the area from its beginning in 1919, when Hobbs headed north to seek a better life for his children.

Hobbs left the south to join his brother, Robert Hobbs, and found work with the New York transit system. He convinced his brother General George Washington Hobbs, a builder, to come up and help him build his home, and later to stay.

One of General Hobbs' descen-

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Cindy Williams Newsome, author of "Hobbstown: the Forgotten Legacy of a Unique African-American Community," talks about her book at the Bridgewater Public Library earlier this year.

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# Somerville Elks go to bat for area children

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hope to generate at least \$60,000 to bring them to the \$500,000 mark.

More than 40 teams made of members from around the county will play during the double elimination tournament at fields in Somerville, Bound Brook, Bridgewater, Branchburg and Hillsborough.

"All the law enforcement agencies play in the tournament," said Sgt. Tim Pino of the Somerset County Sheriff's Office. "There are teams from the Sheriff's Office, the Somerville P.B.A., the Bridgewater P.B.A., and the corrections officers."

According to Fraunheim, between 12 and 16 women's teams, 16 men's teams and several fire department and police department teams have already registered for the tournament. Following a playoff

round, participants and spectators are invited back to the Elks Lodge on Union Avenue in Bridgewater for a reception and silent auction.

"The day is filled with family and friends," Fraunheim said.

To the Downey family, the Elks have become part of their family.

"One time Pierce showed up and handed me a check and said take Linda out to dinner," Michael Downey said. "It makes a difference."

To date, the Elks have provided the Downey family with about \$4,000 which has helped cover medications, treatments and transportation costs to see Charlotte.

In the Downey's kitchen, a wall calendar outlines the list of medications Charlotte takes each day.

"I'm the morning guy," Michael Downey said. "Linda

takes the afternoon and evening."

Corey Downey, Charlotte's 5-year-old brother, also has big responsibilities.

"I help and do things," Corey said. "I go over and make her laugh. I make silly faces."

Though she's had a successful surgery, the struggles aren't over for baby Charlotte. She's battling with an involuntary wretch in her throat and doctors can't seem to find the cause, Michael Downey said. But Elks members have shown the Downey family the silver linings that come from dark clouds.

The Dwyer family of Somerville looks forward to the tournament every year. Maureen Dwyer's children pick up food donated for the reception, while she collects donations, directs traffic and sets things up at the lodge.

The softball event has a spe-

cial place in her heart. Dwyer's daughter, also named Maureen, who was born blind and had a heart condition, was the sponsor of tournament. Sadly, shortly after Maureen's first birthday she contracted pneumococcal meningitis and died. But the efforts of the Elks have helped ease the pain for the Dwyer family.

"Everyone taught me from the day she was born to celebrate her and from the day she died to celebrate her life," Maureen Dwyer said. "We know at every Jack's Kids there will be a pitch thrown out in memory of her."

The Elks are seeking donations and sponsorships for the tournament. Tax deductible donations can be made out to "Somerville Elks c/o Jack's Kids" and sent to 375 Union Ave., Bridgewater, NJ, 08807. For more information, call (908) 722-4634.

# Author helps area rediscover Hobbstown

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dents, Loudia Proctor, was one of the people Newsome interviewed for the project. "She talked about things that happened in the south before they got there, that led her uncle and her grandfather to come up here," Newsome said. "They were trying to better their lives, better their children's lives."

Proctor was one of 15 people that Newsome talked to for the project, which took about three years to research and another three to write. Newsome said she started doing the interviews after realizing there was a dearth of historical information about the area.

Mixed with the oral history and research are Newsome's own memories of growing up

in Hobbstown. While she is not related to the Hobbs family, her father heard about the community from his sister, who had heard about the neighborhood from a relative still living in the South, and moved to New Jersey in 1949.

"I can remember that I knew it was something different. It was a very close-knit community of the 22 or so of the African-American families

that lived there," she said. "You knew that if you ever had a problem, there was somebody there to help."

When Newsome moved out of the area as an adult, she quickly realized that not every neighborhood was like her hometown.

Her book is available at the township's Borders and Barnes and Noble, and through amazon.com.

## A Gold Mine in Bedroom Drawers

Newsire: People are selling their old scrap gold that is gathering dust for its cash value because gold prices are so high. With the price of gold at a 25 year high (over \$650.00 per ounce), it makes sense. ScrapGold.com, a gold recycler, offers free insured recycle kits so people may cash in their scrap with 24 hour service and guarantee satisfaction. They accept

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help families from throughout Middlesex County get through the death of a loved one.

O'Halloran holds a bachelor's degree in religious studies from Georgian Court College and earned graduate credits in pastoral studies from the Institute of Pastoral Studies at Loyola University, Chicago.

For more information on the Barbara E. Cheung Memorial Hospice or the Bereavement Support Group, call (732) 321-9341.

## Metuchen YMCA plans summertime events

METUCHEN — Please take note of the following events sponsored by the Metuchen Branch YMCA:

"Camp 2006" — Every day is an adventure at a day camp. Registration has started for "Y" Tot, Kinderkemp, Camp Munsee and off-site Camp Lenape.

Adult Enrichment — Including a book club that meets the last Wednesday of every month.

"Jazz for Beginners," held at 6 p.m. every Monday.

Scrabble Club for adults, meeting at 7:30 p.m. Friday. Cost is free; registration is required.

"Knitting Meet-Up" at 7 p.m. the first Thursday of every month. This group is open to anyone interested in social knitting. Cost is free.

Moms Walking Club. Meet at 9 a.m. Friday at the Y for a stroll around Metuchen.

"Concert by the Bay" with the Garden State Symphonic Band on Sunday, July 9. The bus leaves at 1:30 p.m. from the Metuchen municipal pool. Cost is \$7.

"Broadway Sally" at the Hunterdon Hills Playhouse on Wednesday, July 12. The bus leaves at 9:45 a.m. from the Metuchen municipal pool. Cost of \$68 includes round-trip transportation and a choice of entrée; specify your entrée on registration.

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## In The Towns

## Meal honors temple service participants

METUCHEN — Temple Neve Shalom holds a luncheon in June to honor those who participated in services over the past year.

The luncheon follows the 9:30 a.m. service today in the synagogue at 250 Grove Ave. Torah readers and adult education instructors are among those who will be honored.

For more information, e-mail can2r11@aol.com or call Sheldon Levin at (732) 548-2238, Ext. 14.

## Holiday program features music

PISCATAWAY — East Jersey Olde Towne Village celebrates Independence Day with "Rays of Light and Glory: 18th Century Music for the Fourth of July."

This free program is at 2 p.m. July 4 when Robert Moulard, dressed in period attire, plays early American music on his own antique instruments.

Moulard is a historian, musician and storyteller from Teaneck. His instruments include the fiddle, harpsichord, hurdy-gurdy and wire harp.

Registration is required; call (732) 745-3030. East Jersey Olde Towne Village is in the northern end of Johnson Park at 1050 River Road, near Hoes Lane West.

## Bible school in the evening

BOUND BROOK — The Bound Brook United Methodist Church holds its Vacation Bible School from 5:45-8 p.m. Monday through Friday, July 17-21.

"Son Treasure Island Discovering God's Love" is the theme of Vacation Bible School. Children age 4 years old through Grade 6 are invited.

An adult Bible study is available to those who are interested.

For registration, visit www.gbpm-umc.org/boundbrook or call (732) 356-1372. The church is at 150 W. Union Ave., near Bound Brook High School.

## Show off the garden during a summer tour

EDISON — The Edison Arts Society holds its first "Art in the Gardens" tour on Saturday, Aug. 19.

Five unique gardens will be featured, showing the variety of plantings created as an extension of the owners' homes.

"We are in search of beautiful gardens in the Metuchen-Edison area," said Linda LaStella, a trustee of the Arts Society and chairman of its Visual Arts Committee.

"We are considering gardens of any size, personally planted or installed by professionals," she said. "We want to show the range of gardens that flourish in our local neighborhoods."

Those who want to showcase

their garden in the tour can e-mail Claysongs@aol.com or call (732) 906-4137.

## Crafters wanted for fall bazaar

BOUND BROOK — The United Methodist Women are seeking crafters for the annual bazaar and craft fair at the Bound Brook United Methodist Church.

This annual event takes place Saturday, Nov. 4. Cost is \$20 per table and includes one lunch.

For more information, call Judy at (732) 469-4613.

## Area drivers needed to deliver kosher meals

EDISON — Jewish Family & Vocational Service of Middlesex County is looking for drivers to deliver Kosher Meals on Wheels.

These drivers would fill in for regular drivers who are away. You must have a flexible schedule and be available on at least one hour's notice. If you are interested, call E.J. Berman at (732) 777-1940.

Kosher Meals on Wheels are distributed five days a week in Edison, Highland Park and elsewhere within Northern Middlesex County.

## Volunteers sought for hospice facility

EDISON — The Barbara E. Cheung Memorial Hospice located on the campus of Roosevelt Care Center in Edison, is looking for volunteers to help families going through the grieving process.

"Volunteers are an integral part of the interdisciplinary team that administers end-of-life care to patients and their families," said Jill Zhou, LCSW, volunteer coordinator for the Hospice. "Volunteers can run errands, offer support, provide music therapy and complement the work of the clinical care providers. The presence of a volunteer communicates to the families that the volunteer is here because they want to be here, and that is very thoughtful."

Zhou said the Hospice volunteers are needed to help families, visit patients, console the bereaved or help in the office.

Hospice staff administer their programs at the six bed, homelike building on the Roosevelt campus or at homes of a patient or their loved ones.

To ensure that all volunteers are equipped for the challenge of working with the dying and their families, the Barbara E. Cheung Memorial Hospice hosts a 12 hour educational course. Workshops, videos and lectures are completed in four or five weekly sessions.

For more information, call Zhou at (732) 321-9335.

## County college adds help desk classes

EDISON — Beginning in January, a new program offered

at Middlesex County College will train workers to become Help Desk Administrators. Graduates of the program will staff computer help desks and call centers.

"This is a booming field," said Frank Burke, chairperson of the Computer Science Department. "For example, one company, Vonage, is anticipating hiring 100 people per month. Computer support is one of the top 20 growth areas in Middlesex County, and help desk administration is a significant part of that field."

Students take courses in communications, customer service, help desk technology, and specific technical areas. For this spring, those areas are the Internet, the PC, Microsoft Windows and Office.

To pursue Help Desk Administration, students must have taken at least one of three computer courses: CSC 105, Computer Applications and Systems; CSC 106, Intermediate PC Applications with Programming; or BUS 107, Computer Applications for Business. English Composition I is also a prerequisite. Once the prerequisites are completed, the certificate program can be finished in two semesters.

"There is a huge job opportunity here," Burke said. "These are good jobs with good wages. We anticipate being able to provide able and competent people to fill them."

For more information on the program, please call the Office of Admissions at (732) 906-4243 or the Computer Science Department at (732) 906-2526.

## Township Garden Club seeking new members

PISCATAWAY — The Piscataway Garden Club is seeking new members.

Meetings are held at 7 p.m. the

third Thursday of every month at the Senior Citizens Center, 700 Buena Vista Ave. The center is off Hoes Lane behind Kennedy Library.

For more information, call (732) 885-5050.

## Edison Kiwanis Club meeting bi-monthly

EDISON — The newly formed Edison Kiwanis Club meets every first and third Tuesday at noon at the Edison Job Corps, 500 Plainfield Ave, Edison. New members are welcome.

For more information about the club, contact Gwen at (732) 781-6862.

## Volunteers sought for local Elderday Care

EDISON — The Jewish Family and Vocational Service of Middlesex County is looking for volunteers to work in its "Elderday Care" program.

This program for older adults meets between 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays at Temple Emanu-El on James Street, across from JFK Medical Center.

For more information about the program, e-mail ejberman@jvsv.org or call (732) 777-1940, Ext. 122.

## Edison library going Wi-Fi

EDISON — The Edison Free Public Library is now a Wi-Fi hotspot.

Wireless connections to the Internet are available at the Main Branch on Plainfield Avenue and the North Edison Branch on Grove Avenue. Cablevision, which provides cable TV to the township, is providing the Wi-Fi connections for free.

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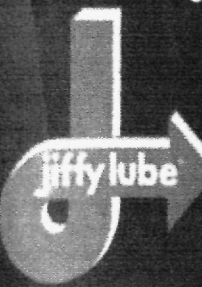
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Erin Bunger of Piscataway presented two research papers during her senior year at Susquehanna University in Selingsgrove, Pa. She was a presenter in March at the Eastern Psychological Association meeting in Baltimore, Md., and in April at the National Conference on Undergraduate Research in Asheville, N.C. Bunger earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from Susquehanna in May. She also conducted two research projects with her sister, Alicia.

Bunger is a senior majoring in psychology at Susquehanna and was named to the dean's list for the spring 2006 semester. The daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Bernhard Bunger had a 4.0 grade point average in the term.

Also named to the Susquehanna dean's list for the spring semester was Kevin Stewart of Middlesex, a junior majoring in music education. He is the son of Tim and Rosanne Stewart.

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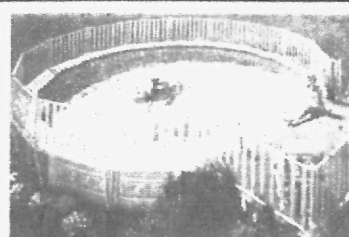
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# Opinion

## Too close for comfort

To live in Central Jersey you have to be prepared for a tight squeeze. Those who live in one of the dozens of condominium and apartment communities know all too well what its like to live close to one another. It's the price for living in a densely populated area, and with more people moving in all the time, the demand for housing, both affordable housing and property in areas of high demand, is particularly high.

Yes, the real estate market has softened, particularly for homes that sell for more than \$1 million, but there remains a demand for reasonably priced housing, particularly single-family homes. It has long been considered the American dream: An acre of lawn with a home and a white picket fence.

So much so that developers are willing to snatch up older homes in a community, particularly in more "urban" areas like Somerville and Bound Brook, and pack as much house as they can on the lot. Sometimes it means taking the building to the property line; sometimes a community's zoning laws allow a property to be subdivided and two houses spring up where there had been one. Sometimes it means destroying a small piece of open space to pack yet another house in.

Recently the result of this demand hit home for those living in one community in Raritan Township, where one resident came home to find construction had started on a new house less than six feet from her front door.

According to those living in the neighborhood, the house, part of Flemington Fields, a neighborhood of single-family, age-restricted houses, is destroying the very bucolic surroundings that attracted buyers in the first place. The house's

proximity to other homes is legal, having been approved by the township. It is also being built close to existing homes because they sit on a curve of the horseshoe-shaped street, where the lots are narrow at the front and flare out in the back.

The situation has played out before, and is playing out now. There are several construction projects underway in Somerville where an existing home was razed and a new, larger house put in its place. Recently, the borough considered an application to subdivide an existing lot to allow for the construction of several homes where only one once stood. In Green Brook a homestead was subdivided a few years ago and, while the original home was restored, the rest of the property was used to build houses packed tightly together.

Bedminster may soon consider an application to subdivide a farm and, although the houses would sit on 10-acre lots, for many living in the Somerset Hills, it means the loss of yet another piece of farmland.

There is no question that there remains a critical need for housing here in Somerset County. But is the destruction of the character of a neighborhood the answer? Big, densely-packed housing doesn't necessarily help solve housing needs. Many of these homes are expensive and don't fill the need for more affordable housing; some end up being so closely packed that, as property values fall from their stratospheric heights, they become difficult to sell.

The solution is better planning, focusing on urban renewal and the best use of what is already here, rather than simply bulldozing neighborhoods to build huge houses in their place.

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## Question of the week:

What do you think about homes being torn down to make way for "monster" houses?



"In neighborhoods of small houses, that is what should continue to be built, and vice versa. A big house looks out of place surrounded by smaller homes."

MIKE FAITOUTE  
Linden



"I dislike that intensely. They (the large houses) destroy the beautiful smaller homes when they decide to upgrade like that."

JOHN PETRIELLO  
Ridgewood



"The Planning Boards should be taken to task."

RAY ECKENRODE  
Somerville

## Letters to the Editor

### Local squad seeks support

#### To The Editor:

For the last 78 years the First Aid and Rescue Squad Inc. of Somerville has provided:

Free emergency medical services, 24 hours a day, seven days a week — nights, week-ends and holidays.

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We are an all-volunteer, non-profit organization that operates on donations it receives from the community.

Unfortunately our costs (e.g., insurance, vehicle repairs, building maintenance, utilities, medical supplies and training our members) continue to rise much like yours. Your financial support will help us continue to survive as a volunteer organization.

Our squad consists of members from your community — neighbors who have a commit-

ment to providing the best service in our home town. All of our neighbors attend classes in order to keep abreast of the latest first aid and rescue procedures.

Isn't it reassuring to know that we are there for you, for community events (such as car shows, street fairs, bike races, parades, etc.) and for athletic events at our schools to handle anything from minor injuries to serious medical emergencies!

For your own wellbeing and sense of community and the health of your family and neighbors, please review your time commitments to see if you can offer a 12-hour time slot to serve on an "on call" basis with the Rescue Squad. Don't delay. Call (908) 526-4545 today and become an angel for your family and neighbors. We would be more than happy to have you be a part of our team.

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### Leaders need to provide solution

#### To The Editor:

I was struck by the fact that three of the four interviewees responding to your recent Man on the Street question "After three years, how long should we stay in Iraq?" seemed to favor immediate withdrawal.

Although I was always skeptical over what seemed to me to be a precipitous move to war when there was so much at stake in a traditionally complex and violent part of the world, the fact that we are going into the fourth year of the war hardly gives me much solace. Leaving now, in my view, would leave Iraq vulnerable to even more violence

and a full-scale civil war that could further disrupt the Middle East with perhaps catastrophic consequences.

I would prefer that public opinion in an election year focus on demanding initiative and creativity by challenging both Republicans and Democrats — maybe even on a nonpartisan basis — to come up with resolution to the problem short of a pullout. There are some great men in both parties. Let the word go out that we expect them both Republicans and Democrats to demonstrate that greatness.

WILLIAM W. GOETZ  
Bedminster

### Republican member recalls past 14 years

#### To The Editor:

I wish to thank all of the Republican voters in District 4 that allowed me to serve them for the past 14 years (as a member of the Bedminster Republican Party Municipal Committee). I also wish to congratulate my opponent for the brilliant write-in campaign that he conducted. The

margin of victory, however close, appears to be his and I accept the will of the voting public, as always.

DON E. CROSS  
Bedminster

The writer is Deputy Mayor of Bedminster and a former member of the Bedminster Republican Party Municipal Committee.

### Raritan candidate thanks community

#### To The Editor:

I would like to thank the Republican residents of Raritan who voted for me in the primary election. I am pleased to see that these citi-

zens are intelligent enough to support someone even when that candidate was not endorsed by her own party.

ANGELA M. PERONE  
Raritan

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## Somerset County Briefs

### Economist discusses state budget debate

BEDMINSTER — The Fifth Friday Friars are business leaders who meet for lunch and hear a guest speaker whenever there are five Fridays in a month.

This group holds its upcoming program at noon June 30 at the Fiddler's Elbow Country Club on Rattlesnake Bridge Road, just south of Interstate 78.

Guest speaker Donald Scarry discusses the state budget and the impact tax increases, if any, would have on the state. The luncheon coincides with the date of the final debate on the budget in the Legislature.

"Scarry has a unique ability to make economic policy

understandable and even entertaining," according to Jeff Horn, president and chief executive officer of the Somerset County Business Partnership.

"He has a long history both in New Jersey government and on the outside with agencies directly interacting with state policy," Horn said. "His knowledge and insight and sometime irreverent approach to government will make for a very interesting presentation."

Scarry is the principal economist of New Jersey Economics, a think tank in Mount Laurel, and once worked for the New Jersey Department of Labor and Industry.

He once was chief economist and assistant vice president of the New Jersey

Business and Industry Association.

Cost is \$55 in advance or \$65 at the door.

In addition, participants can play golf on the Fiddler's Elbow course after the program at a cost of \$140. For reservations, e-mail events@scbp.org or call (908) 218-4300.

### Head of hospital joins QualCare Inc. board

SOMERVILLE — Kenneth Bateman, president and chief executive officer of Somerset Medical Center, has joined the board of directors of QualCare Inc.

Piscataway-based QualCare is New Jersey's largest provider-sponsored managed health care company.

"Ken's wealth of experience in this industry and with many of QualCare's hospitals is a welcome addition to our outstanding board of directors," said Annette Catino, president and CEO of QualCare.

Bateman has been Somerset Medical Center president-CEO since July 2004 and was the hospital's chief financial officer for four years before that.

He holds a bachelor's degree from Seton Hall University.

He previously was director of finance for Solaris Health System, which operates two New Jersey hospitals; chief financial officer of Preferred Behavioral Health, in Lakewood; and assistant vice president of finance for Kimball Medical

Center, in Lakewood.

He is a member of the New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants, the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Hospital Financial Management Association.

### Food bank donations still being accepted

SOMERVILLE — Visitors to the County Administration Building on Grove Street can supplement local food banks' supplies by dropping off canned food donations this month.

A blue recycling bucket with a "Curbing Hunger Month" sign is in the first-floor lobby through June 30.

Donations will be delivered to the Food Bank Network of Somerset County and other food pantries in the area. Among the items being sought are canned meat, canned fish, canned pasta, canned stew, meaty soup, tomato sauce, canned fruit, peanut butter and jelly.

Perishables are not accepted, nor are food in glass bottles and jars.

This is the 12th year that county households are participating in the "Curbing Hunger" food drive.

Canned food donations are being collected at the curb on regular recycling days through June 30.

Volunteers are needed to help sort the food.

For additional information, call (732) 560-1813.



# Volunteers needed to help man stands

## BUY A BURGER AND HELP THE TROOPS

Buy a hot dog and some popcorn and help out Operation: Shoebox New Jersey 2005. At tonight's Somerset Patriots' home game at Commerce Bank Ballpark in Bridgewater, volunteers with OPSHBX will once again man the portable concession stands located around the park. A portion of the evening's sales will be given to Operation Shoebox.

Game time is 7:05 p.m. The Patriots will be facing the Camden Riversharks in the final game of a four-game series.

Volunteers are still needed to help man the concession stand. Those interested should contact Operation Shoebox today — Rod Hirsch at (908) 812-1872, Pat De Chirico at (609) 397-8216 or Jane Mamer at (908) 907-4268. Volunteers will need to arrive at the ballpark by 5:30 p.m. for orientation and instructions. OPSHBX also has three dates — all 7:05 p.m. starts — at the ballpark — Aug. 15, 16 and 17 — for which volunteers are needed.

## CHAMPAGNE OPEN RESCHEDULED

Rain may have washed out the 6th annual Champagne Open, but it didn't stop Operation Shoebox from collecting funds needed to help send packages overseas.

The open, which was to have been held June 7 at Beaver Brook Country Club in Annandale, was rained out by midday. It has been rescheduled to Oct. 3. More details will be available soon. While the open may not have taken place, Operation Shoebox and several celebrities were there, including actor Joe Lisi, who's appeared in *The Sopranos*, *Law and Order*, *Third Watch* and other TV series and movies.

If you missed the Champagne Open the first time around, there is still time to sign-up, thanks to the



rain delay. The open will include a round of golf, cocktail hour and awards dinner. The fee is \$200 per golfer; hole sponsorships are also available.

For more information, call "Champagne Tony" D'Angelo at (201) 896-6251.

## HELP FROM KELSEY

Volunteers from Operation Shoebox were present at this year's Kesley Run, collecting a number of donated goods and \$136.57 from donations and T-shirt sales, which will be used to send packages to soldiers serving in Iraq. Members of Operation Shoebox offered their thanks to the organizers of the annual motorcycle ride, who allowed Operation Shoebox to have a booth there, as well as to those who made a donation. In addition to OPSHBX members John Dorell, Bob Yuzuik and Joe Yuzuik, the Braukman family also brought their monster truck, Shockwave, which flew an Operation Shoebox flag.

## LETTERS FROM OVERSEAS

This week OPSHBX received two letters from those serving in Iraq who received care packages sent during last month's packing day at Commerce Bank Ballpark:

"To all, thank you all for taking so much time and effort to send us the boxes full of food, hygiene stuff and other items. Not only is it a big morale booster, but it is sometimes much needed. Although some people say the soldiers and Marines are heroes, I disagree. It is the people that help keep us going and help support us! Thank you all once again for your support."

Lance Cpl. Christopher Cosgrove USMC Fallujah, Iraq.

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"Thank you so much for the shoebox 'goodies.' My unit has benefited from everything people sent. From your hearts you sent things to us soldiers to make our deployment more enjoyable and I want to send our deepest thanks. Getting the shoeboxes, we all rummage through the boxes getting the stuff we want and then after all the soldiers have gone through it, there is hardly anything left. It's great to see that even though we're gone, we are not forgotten. Again, thanks to everyone that participated. You're the true heroes! Thanks."

Spc. Kim McGinniss 615th MP 10/3 and all the soldiers of the 615th MP Bloodhounds!

## T-SHIRTS AVAILABLE

Quality T-shirts with the handsome Operation Shoebox New Jersey 2005 poster and logo are available for a donation of \$10.

Several stores on Main Street in Somerville and Main Street in Metuchen are selling the shirts, which feature the distinctive red, white and blue Operation: Shoebox New Jersey 2005 logo, and a full-color reproduction of the Operation: Shoebox New Jersey 2005 poster. The shirts are also available at The Reporter office, 44 Veterans Memorial Drive East. All proceeds from sale of the shirts directly benefit OPSHBX. Sizes available are medium, large and extra-large.

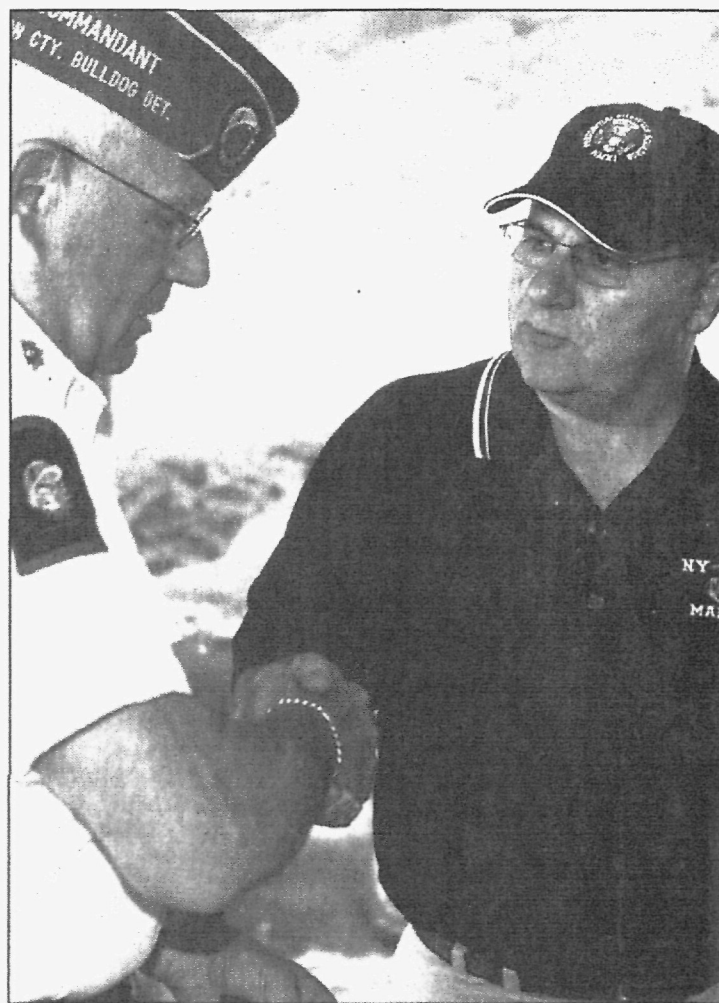
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For more information about Operation: Shoebox New Jersey 2005, including upcoming events and how to make a donation, visit [www.opshoeboxnj.org](http://www.opshoeboxnj.org).



Pictured above, from left, Frank Valanzola, a member of Operation Shoebox, actor Joe Lisi, Vinnie Caravello, a member of OPSHBX, Joanna Cullari, with the Champagne Open, and "Champagne Tony" D'Angelo, organizer of the sixth annual Champagne Open, which was rained out and rescheduled to Oct. 3. At right, OPSHBX member Pat De Chirico presents Lisi with a commendation for the work he has done for soldiers.



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## Financial contributions needed

Operation: Shoebox New Jersey 2005, in partnership with The Hunterdon County Bulldogs Marine detachment are seeking cash donations in support of their ongoing effort to supply American forces overseas with a steady supply of personal items, toiletries and snacks.

The Hunterdon County Bulldogs, whose members are Marine veterans, is a regis-

tered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization under the Internal Revenue Service code. All contributions are tax-deductible.

All contributions are dedicated to the purchase of supplies and costs of shipping. Operation Shoebox: New Jersey 2005 is an all-volunteer operation. Depending on weight, it costs between \$8 and \$15 to ship each box over-

seas.

Checks should be made out to Hunterdon County Bulldogs, with the instructions "Operation Shoebox NJ 2005" written on the memo line. Checks should be mailed to: Operation: Shoebox New Jersey 2005 c/o The Chronicle 44 Veterans Memorial Drive East Somerville, NJ 08876

Dan Nott  
NJN Publishing  
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**Patriot**  
How 'bout you?

Dan Nott has been with Operation Shoebox New Jersey 2005 since its inception. He designed the distinctive OPSHBX logo, featuring the American flag and stenciled letters, which has helped to establish the identity and profile of the volunteer organization. Dan, who works for the parent corporation of The Reporter, has also designed each of the posters used to advertise the OPSHBX packing and shipping events and the OPSHBX brochure.

Join The Reporter, Dan Nott and other citizens and businesses who support Operation Shoebox New Jersey 2005. Salute the sacrifice of our brave servicemen and women serving overseas. Be a Patriot Support OPSHBX. Call Rod Hirsch, executive editor of The Reporter at (908) 575-6684 or click [www.NJ.com/shoeboxnj](http://www.NJ.com/shoeboxnj) for information.



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# Worms — glorious worms

*'Underground' critters help local farm turn a profit*

By JENNIFER ROSENBAUM  
Correspondent

PISCATAWAY — When envisioning the perfect business partners, worms are not the first thing that comes to mind. But, in fact, night crawlers are ideal because they are both loyal and diligent.

"They do all the work and they don't take breaks or holidays," said Merlin Coslick, owner of Jersey Devil Organics.

After teaching as a professor of speech and theatre at the College of New Jersey for more than 10 years, Coslick was in search of a less stressful and not too laborious entrepreneurship. That is how Jersey Devil Organics, a worm farm located on Fleming Street in Piscataway, began back in November.

Jersey Devil Organics manufactures organic fertilizer — Wiggle Worm Soil Builder — from the earthworms' droppings, known as castings.

Because the fertilizer is organic, it is safer than other products often used to grow lush gardens.

A number of the Coslicks' customers include local farms, florists and nurseries.

The business began at its current site, but started in a 750-square-foot basement. Since then it has moved to a 2,500-square-foot warehouse which David Coslick, son of Merlin, believes is still not enough room.

"We should outgrow this by next summer," he said.

Currently, the vast warehouse accommodates 500 buckets of worms with about 250 worms in each bucket, totaling roughly 125,000 worms, each with the potential for each to produce up to 10 pounds of castings in a year.

With so many mouths to feed, there is a continuous sifting of the mulch-feed mixture the worms eat.

"We sift the mulch into smaller particles so the worms can digest it," said

Dave Coslick, who moved to Somerville after his dad called him in Boston and told him of his business idea.

The mulch is then mixed with a secret family recipe of feed consisting of oats, barley and wheat. Some water is added to the mixture and then the worms are placed into the buckets, labeled with the corresponding date stating when they were last "turned" and how many weeks old they are, then neatly stacked in the warehouse.

"Every two weeks the worms are turned and the castings are sifted out," said Dave Coslick. The period of time between the turnings, which seems uneventful from an outsider's perspective, is actually a lively phase for the worms. They are eating, digesting their food, producing castings and growing — all of which is evident when they mature through the categories of growth size.

"They grow a little every two weeks," Dave Coslick said.

First the worms start out as mere cocoons, then they fall into the 2- to 3-inch grouping, then the 4- to 5-inch class, and finally are considered breeders at 6 inches or larger.

But don't expect the worms to crawl out of the uncovered pots.

"They don't like light, so we keep the lights on so they don't come to the top and escape," said Dave Coslick.

In addition to keeping the worms within the warehouse, on site there is a nursery and a room dedicated to packing the fertilizer that will be shipped to customers.

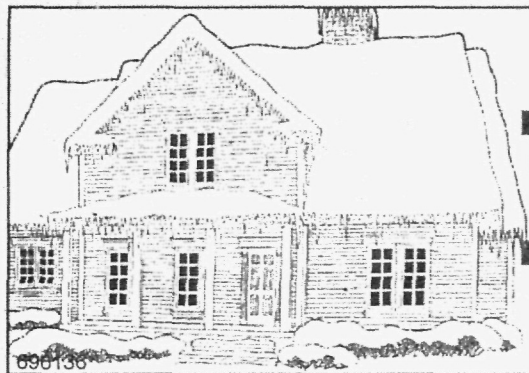
There are a variety of bag sizes, depending on the individual's needs but all of the fertilizer is weighed and sealed on the premises, said Dave Coslick.

A bag of Wiggle Worm Soil Builder goes for \$24.95. A can of worms ranges in price from \$20 to \$25.



There is money in worms. A can of worms from Jersey Devil Organics ranges from \$20 to \$25, while a bag of Wiggle Worm Soil Builder retails for \$24.95. Dave Coslick, pictured above, who works with his father, Merlin, at the family business, sifts mulch that will be mixed with other ingredients to help the worms grow. Merlin, at left, a former college professor, explains that worms make among the best organic fertilizer available. "Fifty million fisherman in the country and 70 million farmers in the country, there is a huge audience for the product," Merlin says.

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## Sports

## Spartans confidently set lofty '07 goals

By DAVE ALLENA  
Staff Writer

There wasn't very much separating the Immaculata High baseball team from its dream season . . . something it will likely have an even better opportunity to achieve next year.

With three one-run losses in division play and a 5-0 setback in the sectional final the only blemishes on a 22-victory campaign, the Spartans earned one title in claiming the Somerset County Tournament crown and came close to two others while spending most of the spring ranked among the state's top clubs.

It was another tantalizingly close season for Immaculata and Head Coach Tom Gambino, who continues to strive for a four-title (conference, county, section and state) performance.

"We were right there for all

four of our goals," said Gambino. "We were knocking on the door for everything. It was nice to get the county (championship) back. We should've won the conference, but we kind of let that one get away. The only game where we didn't hurt ourselves was the last game."

The Spartans, with Ken Gregory getting their only hit off Mike Ness, fell to Seton Hall Prep 5-0 in the North Jersey Non-Public Schools A sectional final June 6.

"You always want to play better in the last game," said Gambino. "I thought we were a better team than we showed against Seton Hall Prep. We faced a good pitcher, but we didn't make the adjustments at the plate we had made all season. You're not going to win many games with one hit."

"Coming into the season I knew these kids were talent-

ed. I didn't know our pitching would carry us as far as we did. I thought this team was deeper than any we've had in a while. We didn't have a Casey Cahill or Jack Cust, but we had a lot of good kids. One through nine, there wasn't an easy out in our lineup."

And with only three regulars and two reserves being lost to graduation, the Spartans will be loaded again next season.

"Our goal next year is to be the Number One team in the state," Gambino said. "It's a high expectation, and I don't say it casually, but we were close this year. The last Tuesday of the season we were ranked Number Two, and if we'd beaten Seton Hall we would've been playing for

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BASEBALL

Number One.

"We're going to come right out and go for it. Let's face it. The expecta-

tions are very high for next year. We're looking for special honors to go after as a team. We were a young team this year with just five seniors, so the nucleus will be back.

"These guys absolutely have the potential to be the best team in school history. I think we'll be the deepest we've been. The goal is Number One in the state. We talked for a long time after the last game. I told the guys there's nothing better than being the last guys standing. That's what we want next year."

Immaculata missed the chance to play on "Championship Saturday"

June 10 with the loss to Seton Hall Prep, which went on to capture the State A title. While that was a letdown, the loss of the Skyland Conference's Delaware East Division crown had to be a disappointment.

After winning their first six division contests, most in decisive fashion, the Spartans dropped one-run games to Bridgewater-Raritan and Franklin, the two bottom finishers, before rebounding behind Chris Morrison's gem against Montgomery. Immaculata then lost a 6-5 verdict to Hillsborough when Tim Fedoroff hit a three-run homer in the bottom of the seventh.

"We'd beaten Hillsborough in four of the last six games, and the two games we lost Fedoroff pretty much beat us by himself," Gambino said. "I didn't want to put the tying run on second (with an intentional walk to Fedoroff), but when the count got to 1-0 I got up to pull the trigger (and walk him) and I didn't get up fast enough."

Immaculata will certainly miss the seniors, especially ace pitcher Kyle Morrison, rightfielder Gregory and second baseman Mike Backus, all regulars. Chris Morrison and Brendan Sternberg will also be lost to graduation.

Kyle Morrison entered the year looking to establish himself as Immaculata's ace and he produced a fine season, winning his first seven decisions and posting an earned run average of 2.41, while also contributing a .327 average with 12 runs batted in at the plate.

Gregory, a three-year starter and a 26th-round draft choice earlier this month by the Texas Rangers, batted .425 with 23 RBI, while Backus finished with a .368 average and a team-leading 30 runs scored. Chris Morrison, used mainly as a pinch-runner, contributed a big 3-1 victory over Montgomery.

While the Spartans will miss that group, returning talent abounds, including depth on the mound and potent bats throughout the lineup.

Junior Sean McKeown came into his own this year and would've been the ace for most teams had it not been for the presence of Kyle Morrison. As it was the south-paw earned two victories with 11 scoreless innings during the county tournament after Morrison was injured and won two state tourney games. He finished 8-0 with a 1.79 ERA.

After that the Spartans will have junior Jack Rice, who was 4-0 with a 1.01 ERA, junior Jamie Colt and sophomore Chaz Crane. With a number of summer league options to get work, other pitchers should emerge as well.

"Our goal for Seany Mac (McKeown) is to get him to a Division One program," Gambino said. "He just has to get his velocity up, two or three miles per hour on his fastball. If he doesn't improve we're not doing our jobs as coaches. Being in some big games this year is going to help him next year."

"Jack Rice, if he wasn't such an excellent first baseman, would've gotten more pitching starts. Looking at his ERA and the numbers in the innings he pitched, he'll establish himself as one of the best in the county next year. Colt will do well, and Crane, as a sophomore, already throws in the 87-88 range."

If the position players just match what they did this year, Immaculata will be tough to beat again in 2007. Rice and junior leftfielder Frank Florio are both coming off huge seasons.

Rice batted .377 and led the team in home runs (7), RBI (43), extra-base hits (15) and slugging percentage (.805), while Florio finished with a .395 average, was second in homers (5), RBI (36) and slugging (.728) and tied for second in runs (27), triples (3) and extra-base hits (14).

Also coming back are junior catcher Jeff Bland (.380, 24 RBI, 4 HR), soph centerfielder Matt Marquis (.345, 27 runs, eight doubles, team-high 13 stolen bases), junior Mark Bernhardt (.325), and junior shortstop Tom Burke while Crane figures to become a fixture at third.



Junior outfielder Frank Florio, here trying to get into third base during a May 6 game, was among the top hitters for Immaculata High, batting .395 and drilling five home runs.

GEORGE PACCIELLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## B-R likely to only get better

By ALLAN CONOVER  
Sports Editor

BRIDGEWATER — With a few more timely hits here and there, maybe Bridgewater-Raritan High could've had a winning record, made a serious run at the Skyland Conference-Delaware East Division championship, and even taken another step or two in the state tournament.

But all things considered, veteran Head Coach Sandy Baranowski couldn't be too displeased with how her Panthers fared this spring. They went 13-13 in an especially difficult division and were competitive in virtually every outing.

"Our record really doesn't indicate how good we were," said Baranowski. "We lost a lot of close games. There might've been two games that were out of reach, but it was a young team and as we went along we were still learning."

"I kept juggling kids around and we had some girls learning new positions during the season," she added. "My goal had been to win 15 games, so we were just a bit short. But I think we'll be really good. I think we can only get better."

Baranowski pointed out the Panthers defeated Hillsborough for the first time in six years, they toppled Somerset County Tournament champ

Montgomery and as part of that mix they split with every team in the division except for the anticipated two-game sweep of a weak Franklin team.

Still, a few more runners crossing home plate would've helped.

"It seemed we had the best hitting team we've ever had," said Baranowski, "but I also felt when we had runners in scoring position, that's when we didn't hit. We were always hitting when no one was on base. When we needed clutch hits, we didn't get them often enough."

Even with an erratic offense B-R, which finished two games under .500 a year ago, was able to stay in just about every contest behind the pitching of sophomore Lauren Fitzsimmons. The righthander, who tossed two straight no-hitters late in the campaign and set a school record with 194 strikeouts, fashioned a scintillating 1.04 earned run average to go with a 10-9 record.

She was in the circle 147 1/3 innings, allowing 110 hits and just 38 walks, and joined teammates Lindsay Durant and Taryn Schnell on the All-Division first team as selected by league coaches.

"Lauren works for everything

BRIDGEWATER-RARITAN  
SOFTBALL

she's gotten," said Baranowski, who also tabbed senior Skylar Roehl to do some pitching on occasion. "No kid works harder than she does in practice. I mean, they all work hard, but she's not fooling around at all. She's there for one reason."

"And she's at it all year. She attends camps and clinics and does the strength and conditioning work — anything and everything she can do to get better. I've never had a pitcher like her, and I just hope she keeps getting better."

Durant, a sophomore first baseman, led the Panthers with a .306 batting average and 16 runs batted in. She had a .556 slugging percentage, a .425 on-base average, scored 18 times and among her 22 hits were five doubles, two triples and three home runs. She also was outstanding defensively, committing just two errors in 150 chances.

Leadoff batter Schnell, a junior centerfielder, topped B-R with 25 hits, including six doubles and a triple, and batted .287 with 15 runs and six RBI. In the outfield she totaled 26 putouts, seven assists and two errors, with several of her assists coming on pegs to home

plate.

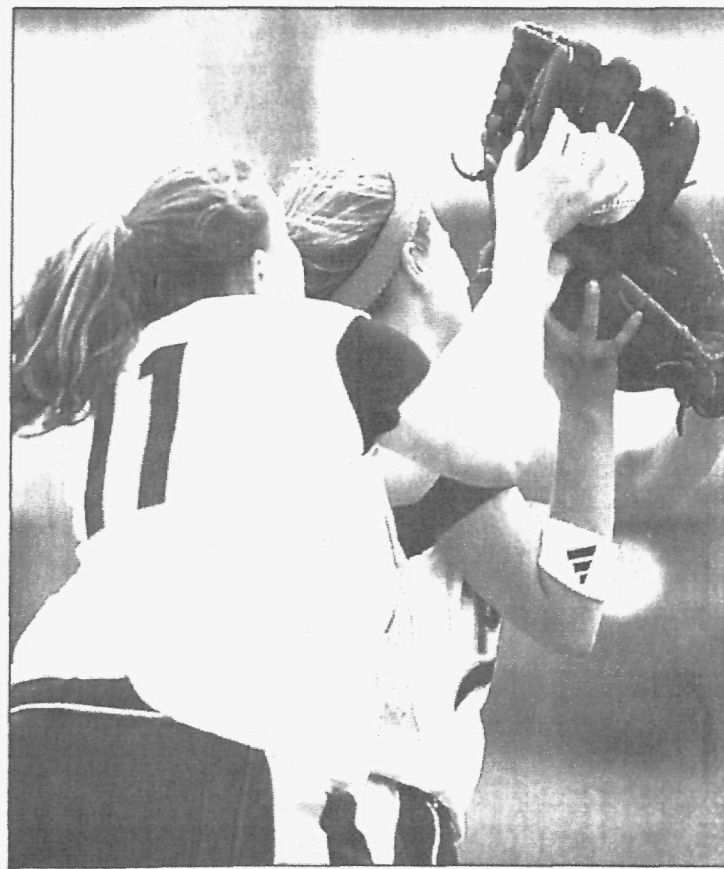
Another stalwart was freshman second baseman Maria Caro, an All-Division honorable mention who fielded an outstanding .929, with a few of her six miscues coming after she moved over to shortstop late in the season.

"Maria was just fantastic on defense," said Baranowski. "For her to come in as a freshman at a Group 4 school and start at second base and be as solid as she was, that's really something. She'll probably be our shortstop next year. We can have a nice combination for the next three years."

That would include classmate Carianne D'Alessandro, who saw some varsity time this spring, at second base. Caro and D'Alessandro have been playing together since they were young and work well as a middle-infield tandem.

Bridgewater-Raritan also should be solid at the catching position in 2007 after junior Kelly Rafferty and sophomore Samantha DeSimone both saw extensive backstop duty this spring while splitting the position as well as the designated hitter slot.

The Panthers, who graduate just two regulars (outfielder Jill Dorell and third baseman Michelle Goydan), aren't participating in a summer league



Among the promising young softball players for Bridgewater-Raritan High this spring was freshman Carianne D'Alessandro, here making the catch while colliding with Taryn Schnell during early-season action. The Panthers finished with a 13-13 record.

GEORGE PACCIELLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

as a team for the first time during Baranowski's tenure but just about everyone is playing on various club and elite squads.

"They're all going their sepa-

rate ways, which is fine as long as they're all playing," she said. "That's the important thing. I didn't want to hold them back and make them play as one team."

## Personnel changes keeping Lyle on his toes

BRIDGEWATER — It's reached the point where Somerset Patriots Manager Sparky Lyle doesn't know whether to say hello or goodbye, which makes things tricky when he's trying to fill out a lineup card.

Three weeks after seeing standout starting pitcher Billy Sylvester sign with the Washington Nationals, Lyle welcomed him back Monday. The same day, first baseman Jared

Sandberg, who joined the Patriots June 7, departed after agreeing to a contract with the Cleveland Indians.

Late last week the Patriots lost their top hitter, Mike Lockwood, and their relief pitching ace, Hector Almonte, as both signed with foreign leagues.

Oh, and by the way, the Patriots have also picked up another pitcher, lefthanded reliever Andy Pratt, who's had

brief big-league experience with the Atlanta Braves and Chicago Cubs.

In the meantime, there are 17 games remaining in the Atlantic League of Professional Baseball's first-half season and, prior to Tuesday's action, the Patriots trailed first-place



Lancaster by five games in the loss column in the South Division standings.

"It's getting tight," said Lyle. "Five

games is a lot to make up right now. But Lancaster is starting to get their share of stuff, too, with some injuries and guys leaving."

Having the 6-foot-5 Sylvester, who was 2-0 with a 2.17 earned run average in five starts for the Pats before signing with Washington May 26, back in the rotation should help. He was released by the Nationals at his request a week ago.

Washington, which had initially cut Sylvester near the end of spring training, first assigned him to its Triple-A team in New Orleans but three days later he was sent down to Double-A

Harrisburg, where he'd been most of 2005.

After a couple of poor starts — allowing 12 earned runs in eight innings — he was banished to the bullpen and didn't make an appearance in 10 straight days.

The 28-year-old Sandberg, who hit 18 home runs for the Tampa Bay Devil Rays in 2002, had struggled mightily since coming to the Patriots. In 10 games he hit just .206.



## Arline DeStefano

BOUND BROOK — Arline Mae Apgar DeStefano, 89, died June 4, 2006.

Born March 4, 1917 in High Bridge, she was a daughter of the late Ernest and Violet Smith Apgar.

Mrs. DeStefano lived in Whitehouse before moving to Bound Brook. She once owned the Arvin Produce stand in Whitehouse with her husband, Vincent, who died in 1984.

Preceding her in death were two brothers, Harry Apgar and Melvin Apgar; and a granddaughter, Pamela McGlynn.

Surviving are five daughters, Joan Lella of Bound Brook, Phyllis Ambrose Huneke and husband Roy of Fort Myers, Fla., Patricia Wellinsky and

husband Stanley of Raritan, Theresa Rought and husband Donald of Pittston, Pa., and Deborah Bailey and husband Richard of Manville; three sons, Vincent "Jim" and wife Esther of Whitehouse, Richard and wife Ruby of Alpha and Greg and wife Arlene of Whitehouse; a sister-in-law, Julia Apgar of California; 27 grandchildren, 41 great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild.

A funeral Mass was held June 7 at St. Ann's Roman Catholic Church in Raritan. Burial was in St. Bernard Cemetery, Bridgewater.

Arrangements were by the Bongiovi Funeral Home in Raritan.

## Kenneth Ahearn

SOUTH PLAINFIELD — Kenneth N. Ahearn, 73, died June 1, 2006 at Ocean Medical Center in Brick.

Mr. Ahearn was born in Cambridge, Mass. He lived in Revere, Mass., South Plainfield and Somerville before moving to Brick in 1995.

He retired in 1994 as a carpenter associated with Local 455 of the carpenters' union in Somerville. Mr. Ahearn earlier was a salesman with Simon Saw & Steel in Union.

He was in the military police during the Korean War, holding the rank of corporal in the Army. He was a former vice commander of American Legion Post 348 in Brick and a

member of American Legion Post 12 in Somerville.

His wife, Marie, died in 1994. Also preceding him in death were two sisters, Mildred Brooks and Norma Edwards.

Surviving are a son, C. Michael of Bound Brook; two daughters, Lauren McAleavy of Millsboro, Del., and LeeAnn Conrad of Milton, N.H.; eight grandchildren and two nephews.

A funeral Mass was held June 6 at Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church in Somerville. Burial was in St. Bernard Cemetery, Bridgewater.

Arrangements were by the Cusick Funeral Home in Somerville.

## Frank Ussia

SOUTH PLAINFIELD — Frank Ussia, 76, died June 16, 2006 at The Lakes at Litchfield in Pawleys Island, S.C.

Born in Piscataway, he was a son of the late Michael and Theresa Ussia.

Mr. Ussia lived in South Plainfield for 42 years before moving to Pawleys Island in 2000. He was with IBM Corp. for nearly 30 years and was a technical engineer when he took early retirement at age 55.

He graduated from Bound Brook High School in 1948 and attended Rutgers University. A Navy veteran, Mr. Ussia was a volunteer fireman with the Possumtown Volunteer Fire Company in Piscataway.

Preceding him in death were two brothers, Nicholas and Michael; a sister-in-law,

Regina; and a brother-in-law, John Stadnick.

Surviving are his wife, Caroline; a daughter, Lori Davison and husband Harvey of Cranbury; three sons, Jeffrey of Melbourne, Fla., Frank of South Plainfield and Matthew of Pittsburgh, Pa.; a stepdaughter, Pamela Sherry and husband Steve of Orlando, Fla.; a brother, Samuel; two sisters, Julia Stadnick and Catherine Lemire; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass was held July 1 at St. Anthony of Padua Roman Catholic Church, 251 Franklin St., Hightstown.

Arrangements were made by the Grand Strand Funeral Home & Crematory in Myrtle Beach, S.C. Donations may be sent to the charity of your choice.

## Loretta Steinberg

BOUND BROOK — Loretta Witkowsky Steinberg, 73, died May 27, 2006 at her home.

Born in Elizabeth, she lived in Branchburg and Flemington before moving to Bound Brook.

Mrs. Steinberg retired in 1998 after more than 25 years

as an elementary teacher at Stony Brook School in Branchburg. She was a former member of Temple Shalom in Bridgewater.

Her first husband, Albert Witkowsky, died in 1980. Her second husband, Bernard, died

in 2005. A daughter, Susan Witkowsky, died in 1993.

Surviving are two daughters, Lynda Orofino and Diane Mann; a sister, Ethel Rittler; and two grandchildren.

Services were held May 31 at the Bruce C. Van Arsdale

Funeral Home in Somerville. Burial was in Mount Lebanon Cemetery, Iselin.

Donations may be sent to Community Visiting Nurse Association or Somerset Medical Center Foundation.

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### ORDINANCE 06-10

**BOROUGH OF DUNELLEN**  
**AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A STORMWATER REGULATION ORDINANCE BY THE BOROUGH OF DUNELLEN, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY" AND IS HEREBY APPROVED ON THE FIRST READING, AND A SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD AT 7:30 P.M. IN THE DUNELLEN BOROUGH MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 355 NORTH AVENUE, DUNELLEN, NEW JERSEY ON THE 5TH DAY OF JULY, 2006, AND COPIES OF THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE POSTED ON THE PUBLIC BULLETIN BOARD PRIOR TO THE DATE FOR SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE AND COPIES OF THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE OF THE BOROUGH CLERK FOR ANY INTERESTED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.**

**Section 1: Scope and Purpose**  
A. Policy Statement  
Flood control, groundwater recharge, and pollutant reduction through nonstructural or low impact techniques shall be explored before relying on structural Best Management Practices. Structural BMPs should be integrated with nonstructural stormwater management strategies and proper maintenance plans. Nonstructural strategies include both environmentally sensitive design and source controls that prevent pollutants from being placed on the site or from being exposed to stormwater. Source control plans should be developed based upon physical site conditions and the origin, nature, and anticipated quantity of amount of potential pollutants. Multiple stormwater management BMPs may be necessary to achieve the established performance standards for water quality quantity, and groundwater recharge.

**Section 2: It is the purpose of this ordinance to establish minimum stormwater management requirements and controls for "major development."**  
C. Applicability  
1. This ordinance shall be applicable to all site plans

### ORDINANCE 06-10

and subdivisions for the following major developments that require preliminary or final site plan or subdivision review:  
a. Non-residential major developments; and  
b. Aspects of residential major developments that are not pre-empted by the Residential Site Improvement Standards of N.J.A.C. 5:21

2. This ordinance shall also be applicable to all major developments undertaken by the Municipality.

Submitted by: William M. Robins, RMC, Ph.D.  
Dunellen Municipal Clerk

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### BOROUGH OF DUNELLEN, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX

#### ORDINANCE 06-13

##### PUBLIC NOTICE

**NOTICE OF PENDING CAPITAL ORDINANCE AND SUMMARY**  
The following Special Emergency Ordinance, the terms of which are included herein, was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the Governing Body of the Borough of Dunellen, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, on June 19, 2006. It will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing, on July 5, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 355 North Avenue, Dunellen, New Jersey, in said County, on July 5, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. During the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting copies of the full ordinance will be available at no cost and during regular business hours, at the Clerk's office for the members of the general public who shall request the same. The summary of the terms of such ordinance follows:

**TITLE: BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PARALLEL AUXILIARY CULVERT UNDER THE CONRAIL RAILROAD IN THE BOROUGH OF DUNELLEN, APPROPRIATING \$1,300,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$380,000 OF BONDS AND/OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH FOR FINANCING THE COST THEREOF AND MAKING THE DOWN PAYMENT FOR SAID IMPROVEMENT AUTHORIZED TO BE UNDERTAKEN IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF DUNELLEN, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY**  
Purpose(s): Construction of a parallel auxiliary culvert with channel transitions under Conrail Railroad embankment, said improvement to include all costs, equipment and/or improvements necessary therefore or related thereto.

**Appropriations:** \$1,300,000  
**Bonds/Note Authorized:** \$380,000  
**Section 20 Costs:** \$260,000  
**Useful Life:** 15 years

Submitted by: William M. Robins, RMC, Ph.D.  
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**ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION FOR THE PREPARATION AND EXECUTION OF A REVISION OF THE BOROUGH OF DUNELLEN'S MASTER PLAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MUNICIPAL LAND USE LAW OF THE STATE, APPROPRIATING \$50,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$50,000 OF SPECIAL EMERGENCY NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE THEREOF IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF**

### DUNELLEN, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF DUNELLEN, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A-4-1 et seq. (The "Local Budget Law") and in particular Section N.J.S.A. 40A-4-5(d) the sum of \$50,000 is hereby appropriated as a special emergency appropriation for a revision of the Borough of Dunellen's Master Plan in accordance with the Municipal Land Use Law of the State of New Jersey (N.J.S.A. 40:55D-1 et seq.).

Section 2. For the financing of said special emergency appropriation and to meet the part of the \$50,000 appropriation not otherwise provided for hereunder, negotiable Special Emergency Notes of the Borough are hereby authorized to be issued in a principal amount not to exceed \$50,000 pursuant to the Local Budget Law and in particular Section N.J.S.A. 40A-4-55.

Section 3. The appropriation herein provided and the "Special Emergency Notes" authorized should be provided for in the Borough's succeeding annual budgets by the inclusion of one-fifth (1/5) of the amount of the appropriation herein authorized, and the appropriation and authorization for Special Emergency Notes shall be reduced accordingly.

Section 4. The full faith and credit of the Borough are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the obligations authorized by this ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unsecured obligations of the Borough, and, unless paid from other revenues of the Borough, the Borough shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property within the Borough for the payment of the obligations and interest thereon without limitation as to rate or amount.

Section 5. The provisions of this ordinance are severable to the extent any clause, phrase, sentence, paragraph or provision of this ordinance shall be declared invalid, illegal or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions shall continue to be in full force and effect.

Section 6. To the extent that any previous ordinance or resolution is inconsistent with or contradictory hereto, said ordinance or resolution is hereby repealed or amended to the extent necessary to make it consistent herewith.

Section 7. This ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by Law.

Submitted by: William M. Robins, RMC, Ph.D.  
Dunellen Municipal Clerk

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